

1) An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joseph Jochman on 6/24/2003.

The application has been amended as follows:

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In claim 17, line 4, replace term ^adownstream ^{brake}roll^{an} with ^{brake}upstream ^{an}roll^{brake}:-

In claim 23, line 7, replace term "brake roll" with - braking means -;

In claim 28, line 1, replace "claim 7" with - claim 27 -;

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In Specification, pg. ²3, line 19, replace "effecting" with - affecting -; and
on pg. ⁸8, line 30, replace "bar" with - roll -.

2) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance is that the cited prior art does not show an apparatus for decurling a running web delivered from a supply roll and fed to a downstream process operating at a line web tension, said apparatus includes: an upstream brake roll receiving the web from a supply roll, a downstream pull roll receiving and rotatably engaging the web from the brake roll, wherein said brake roll and said pull roll operative to create in the web therebetween a zone of tension greater than the line web tension (claims 1, 17, 27); or includes upstream braking means for receiving and applying a web retarding load to the web from a supply roll, downstream pulling means for receiving and applying a web overdrive force to the braking means.